

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Ikegawa et al. The Office Action indicates that human WNT7a is 99.5% identical to the nucleic acid of the claimed invention.

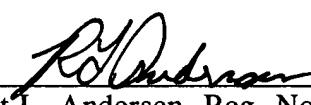
Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, applicants have cancelled claim 14, thereby rendering the basis of the rejection moot. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect. If it would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with applicants' undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully Submitted,

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